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SUBJECT: NYT ARTICLE CONCERNING AMBASSADOR TOON'S JULY 4  
STATEMENT AND SPASO RECEPTION

1. FOLLOWING IS NON-BYLINE ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN  
JULY 5 EDITION OF NEW YORK TIMES:
2. "U.S. ENVOY SPEAKS ON SOVIET TV . AFTER REFUSING  
HIM PERMISSION TO SPEAK ON TELEVISION LAST JULY 4, THE  
SOVIET AUTHORITIES ALLOWED AMBASSADOR MALCOLM TOON TO  
APPEAR TODAY. THE AMERICAN'S REMARKS, WHICH WERE VIDEOTAPED  
AVOIDED POINTED REFERENCES TO HUMAN RIGHTS.

3. "MR. TOON'S STATEMENT LAST YEAR, SUBMITTED IN ADVANCE

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TO SOVIET OFFICIALS, ANGERED THEM WITH A REFERENCE TO THE  
'FUNDAMENTAL AND INALIENABLE RIGHTS' ENSHRINED IN THE FOUND-  
ING PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED STATES. IT THEN ADDED: 'BUT  
WE RECOGNIZE, MORE THAN THOSE WHO WATCH US FROM AFAR, THAT  
WE ARE NOT PERFECT. WE RECOGNIZE AS WELL THAT A MAN CANNOT  
LIVE UP TO HIS IDEALS, HOWEVER, IF HE IGNORES THEM.  
AMERICANS WILL CONTINUE TO STATE PUBLICLY THEIR BELIEF IN

HUMAN RIGHTS AND THEIR HOPE THAT VIOLATIONS OF THESE RIGHTS, WHEREVER THEY MAY OCCUR, WILL END.'

4. "A SOFTER APPROACH ON RIGHTS. TODAY, MR. TOON ADOPTED A SOFTER APPROACH AND GOT ON THE AIR. 'MUCH HAS CHANGED IN THE WORLD SINCE THAT TIME WHEN BRITISH COLONIES IN NORTH AMERICA Banded TOGETHER TO DEFEND THEIR INALIENABLE RIGHTS TO LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS,' HE SAID. 'BUT ONE THING HAS REMAINED CONSTANT: THE RECOGNITION BY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THAT ONLY IN CONDITIONS OF PEACE AND MUTUAL RESPECT CAN THE INHABITANTS OF THIS GLOBE ENJOY THE FRUITS OF THEIR LABOR AND DEVELOP THEIR FULL POTENTIAL.'

5. "THAT WAS THE ONLY DIRECT REFERENCE TO RIGHTS, WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE A CENTRAL THEME OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S FOREIGN POLICY, A THEME THAT HAS ANNOYED SOVIET AUTHORITIES SINCE HE TOOK OFFICE.

6. "ANOTHER VARIATION ON THE THEME WAS PROVIDED AT MR. TOON'S INDEPENDENCE DAY RECEPTION AT HIS RESIDENCE. TWO YEARS AGO, BEFORE MR. CARTER CAME INTO OFFICE AND WHILE WALTER J. STOESSEL WAS AMBASSADOR, INVITATIONS WERE EXTENDED TO A VARIETY OF SOVIET DISSIDENTS, INCLUDING ANDREI A. AMALRIK -- NOW IN THE UNITED STATES -- VARIOUS ARTISTS AND OTHER OUTSPOKEN CRITICS OF THE GOVERNMENT. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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7. "TODAY, NOT A SINGLE DISSIDENT WAS IN SIGHT. 'MOST OF THEM ARE IN JAIL OR IN THE WEST,' AN AMERICAN DIPLOMAT REMARKED.

8. "THE ABSENCE OF DISSIDENTS SEEMED TO REFLECT A SHIFT IN EMBASSY POLICY, A STEP AWAY FROM THE CORDIAL AND RELATIVELY EASY AND FREQUENT ASSOCIATION BETWEEN DISSIDENTS AND DIPLOMATS.

9. "NOW, EMBASSY OFFICIALS MUST GET PERMISSION FROM SUPERIORS BEFORE MEETING DISSIDENTS, EVEN SOCIALLY."

10. IF ASKED, DEPARTMENT PLANS TO FOLLOW STANDARD GUIDANCE RE EMBASSY CONTACT WITH DISSIDENTS. WE INTEND TO REJECT INFERENCE THAT EITHER AMBASSADOR TOON'S STATEMENT ON SOVIET TELEVISION OR JULY 4 GUEST LIST REPRESENTS ANY CHANGE IN US OR EMBASSY POLICY. VANCE

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